



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: YAJIMA, Taro, et al.

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For: VACUUM APPARATUS AND VACUUM PROCESSING METHOD
(AS AMENDED)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: July 12, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2006 for one month, from June 13, 2006 to July 13, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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